

Abstract

The topic of the thesis is "Criminal Law and Criminological Aspects of Domestic Violence". The phenomenon of domestic violence transpires through the whole society; it is a socially-wide issue which has been present for a long period of time. Initially, domestic violence was considered to be a private problem not to be intervened by the state. However, in last 30 years this attitude has changed and the interception of domestic violence gone through a significant transformation. The society started to recognize this issue as a subject of a public concern which requires also state intervention. The complexity of domestic violence requires interdisciplinary approach.

The first part of the thesis provides definition and general description of domestic violence. It describes elements of domestic violence (such as privateness, recurrence, long-term, inequality of the involved parties, escalation, etc.), its kinds and forms, rules and specifics which differentiates domestic violence from other types of violent conduct. Further, it describes causes of domestic violence and theories of causes leading to its occurrence. The end of the first chapter deals with the role of gender in domestic violence.

Criminological part of the thesis presents view on the perpetrators and victims of domestic violence and more detailed description of individual types of victim. The chapter also includes victimological perspective on the subject matter. The purpose of this part is to introduce domestic violence in its complexity and to outline specifics of the perpetrators and victims of domestic violence. For the sake of clarity, individual groups of victims and perpetrators are divided into separate points. Next chapters focus on legal aspects of domestic violence and current legislation in the Czech Republic – from the point of view of criminal substantive law, criminal procedural law as well as non-criminal laws. The aim of the chapters dealing with the Czech legislation on domestic violence is to provide a comprehensive overview of the institutes which are currently available in Czech law.

The last chapter introduces several *de lege ferenda* ideas relating to the subject of this thesis. In the conclusion, it summarizes the content of this paper and assesses current legal regulation of the phenomenon in the Czech Republic.